



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF RUTLAND

ST JOSEPH, OAKHAM &
ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, EXTON



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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

3 rd August	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Special Intention
4 th August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo
5 th August	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	Monday	10.00 am	Holy Mass	Joe Quinn RIP
6 th August	The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	Tuesday			
7 th August	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday		St Joseph	No Adoration today
	St Sixtus II, pope and Companions		10.00 am	Holy Mass	Requiem Mass for Denys Hancock
8 th August	St Dominic	Thursday			
9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Friday	7.00 pm	Latin Mass St Thomas	Mass at St Thomas, Exton, LE158AN Emily Morgan (Well-being)
10 th August	Vigil Mass	Saturday	4.30 pm	St Joseph	Tony Walker RIP
11 th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	Sunday	10.30 am	St Joseph	Pro Populo

CONFESSION TIMES: Wednesday: 9.30-10.00 am Saturday: 3.30-4.00 pm

THIS WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 3 rd August	Sunday 4 th August
Welcomers	Siobhan and Nick Taylor	Marie-Therese Goldberg and James Fay
Readers	Joan Burns and Irene Kearney-Rose	John Alston and Annie de Kremer
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Eileen Worrall and Barbara Black (JA)	Marjorie Port and Anthony Nguyen
Coffee		Sarah Archer and Emma McCombie
Flowers	Marie-Therese Goldberg	
Church Cleaning	Eileen Worrall and Maria Marriott	
NEXT WEEK'S ROTAS	Saturday 10 th August	Sunday 11 th August
Welcomers	Eileen Worrall and Ron Streeter	Gary Nicolle-Anderiesz and Pauline Morton
Readers	Ron Streeter and Meryl Vincent	Brian Moore and Lorraine Perril
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Barbara Black and Michael Terrett (AW)	Billy Ivory and Kitty Wigmore
Coffee		Veronica Wands
Flowers	Judy Aitkens	
Church Cleaning	Rosemarie Duncan and Charlie Farmer	

Please note: This Church is monitored by CCTV cameras and/or live streaming cameras during Holy Mass.

Parish Websites	www.stjosephs-oakham.org	www.catholicstamford.com
English Martyrs Primary School Head Teacher	Willow Crescent, Oakham Gosia Brown	www.englishmartyrs.rutland.sch.uk Tel: 01572 722400
Children's Liturgy Group	For children up to First Holy Communion	10.30 am Sunday Mass in term time
Safeguarding Representative	Maria.MarriottPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk	Tel: 07513 725552
Parish Support Group - HELP	Rosemarie Duncan	Tel: 01572 723873
House Faith Sharing Group	Barbara Black	Tel: 01572 724918
Chair - Parish Pastoral Council	Andreas Menzies	ppcchair@stjosephs-oakham.org Tel: 01572 722308
Parish Newsletter	Eileen Worrall	eileenworrall@hotmail.com

Please pray for the following who are ill: Meryl Vincent, Angela Kirkup, Claire Smith, Ita Jones, David Price, Janet and Barry Chalmers-Stevens, Monique Pryke and Elisabeth Simpson.

If you would like someone to be added to the Sick Parishioners list **with their written permission**, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk **OR please ask them to complete the form below and return to Maria in the Parish Office. Many thanks.**

Permission form for Sick list

I give my permission for my name to be published in St Joseph's Newsletter and on their (St Joseph's) website in the Newsletter tab.

Print Name.....

Signature..... Date.....

Anniversaries † John Richardson, Peter Lambert, Maria Malach, Patricia Gallimore, Hanora Jones, Bridget Tyler, Mary Hickie, Joe Quinn, John Dupont, John Liston, Rose Pugh, William Maiden, Josephine Trigg, Francis McCabe, Lilian Luckhurst and Muriel Mamos

Parish Office Telephone contact: For all Parish enquiries, please contact Maria on the office number or via email, or Canon Peter via email. **In the case of an emergency, please ring the office number – the end message will advise you who to contact.**

If you know any parishioners who are not well, in hospital or need a little support and would like a visit, please let Maria know using this email address rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01572 722308. It is very important for all our parishioners to feel part of our community - if we do not know we cannot help.

Last week's collection

Collections	£110.90
Planned Giving and Donations	£677.50
Total	£788.40

Don't forget to join us for light refreshments after Holy Mass Wednesday and Sunday.



Credo Group The Credo Group is taking a break for the Summer. It will resume again on 29th August at 6.00 pm.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of our dear parishioner, Denys Hancock, who died recently. Please remember Denys in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. Denys' Requiem Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's at 10.00 am on Wednesday 7th August.

Shhhhhh.... Important – please read: Just a gentle reminder to all. It would be appreciated if you could be quiet in Church before Holy Mass begins and leave the Church quietly after Holy Mass ends. We encourage you to chat with others but please do so once you are outside of the main body of the Church so that you won't disturb others who want to pray. Many thanks for your understanding.

Parish Groups – HELP HELP is a group to support Parishioners. A lot of our parishioners are elderly now and probably feeling very lonely and some might even be housebound. Not being able to get out or see anybody also affects their mental health. So we can offer to visit or make a telephone call. Knowing that you have made a difference can be very satisfying. Also, if someone is looking after a loved one and needs a break, we can offer to stay with that person. We can also help with housework, shopping, preparing a meal, even walking the dog, arrange transport for appointments or a lift to Holy Mass. This is a voluntary group but can be very rewarding and it would be lovely to have more people on board. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact Rosemarie Duncan on 01572 723873

Please note: During July and August, St Joseph's will be hosting the Ecumenical Prayer Sessions each Thursday from 1.00 - 1.30 pm. These sessions will be led by members of our Church Community so your support would be greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding Handbook: If you have a specific role with the parish and have been asked to transport any other person **on behalf of the parish** then you should ensure you have adequate insurance in place. (See page 50 of the booklet for information or click on this link) https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/61df3495e44404b7fc6bfd8d/640088731f152e8215504325_Parish%20Safeguarding%20Handbook%20-%20%20Final-min.pdf Please contact your Insurance provider.

Holy Mass Canon Peter will be offering Holy Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at St Joseph's at the end of each month. He looks forward to getting to know you all.

Prayer Group In last weeks newsletter, you may have read the reflection from Pope Francis regarding prayer and the reading of scripture especially in the practice of Lectio Divina (sacred reading). We practice this way of reading scripture in a house group. It is a time of joy and peace. For further information, please contact Barbara Black 01572 724918.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Eighteenth Sunday of the Year: Sometimes we are distracted as we try to pray: this calls for our cultivation of the virtue of vigilance, by which we focus our lives on doing the Lord's will daily in expectation of his return. A second difficulty is the experience of dryness when our hearts: the spiritual masters acknowledge that the life of faith involves times of consolation but also of desolation, when we share in the Lord's sufferings. A third difficulty is spiritual fatigue, the abandonment of prayer altogether: the saints faced these same difficulties and teach that true progress in the spiritual life comes about through daily perseverance, like that of Job who remained constant even amid his many afflictions. To read the full reflection and find more resources at dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer

March for Life happens in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint, whether it's 'pills by post' abortions, 'decriminalisation', buffer zones, or censorship of pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme of this year's March for Life which is 'Abortion isn't healthcare'. Join thousands at this family-friendly event. Find out more at www.marchforlife.co.uk or contact Marie on marielangford@live.co.uk about the coach going from central Nottingham.

The SPANNED Annual Mass is being celebrated by Bishop Patrick at St Peter's Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley on Saturday 21st September with our five diocesan groups and many friends, at 2.30 pm. SPANNED has been working on climate change over the last two years and will present their findings to the bishop at the Mass in the form of a Manifesto, called "If you want to change the world, then change your life". For more details contact Fr Frank Daly after 25th August on 01455 634443 or at hinckleypriory@gmail.com. Likewise, if you are coming we would like to know numbers so that you can stay with us for some refreshments afterwards. All are very welcome.

Nottingham and Leicester/Leicestershire Citizens are looking to recruit a senior organiser to start work in 2024. We're looking for a motivated person, driven by a desire for social justice and a serious interest in working pragmatically with people to make change. Could this be you? If so, you probably have some questions. What does it mean to be a senior organiser with Citizens UK? What kinds of people and organisations would you be working with? What kind of change could you make happen? We're available to have an informal conversation about the role. Please contact daniel.mackintosh@citizensuk.org

The Saint Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre is seeking to appoint a part time paid coordinator. The centre which is based in Nottingham supports women who are pregnant in challenging circumstances, by offering practical, financial and emotional support through pregnancy. An individual is sought to coordinate weekly activities from September, on a part time, paid basis; hours are negotiable. For more information please contact John by email at pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Holy Mass Streaming Service If you use St Joseph's Holy Mass streaming service and find that it is not online, please contact Maria in the Parish Office via email rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk or call 01572 722308.

Book of Remembrance This is an ongoing project, so if you wish to have the names of loved ones inscribed in our book, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Planned Giving Scheme - Envelope holders If you wish to contribute via the parish bank account, please contact Maria at rcchurchoakham@dioceseofnottingham.uk Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Please note: Any cheques made out to the Parish should read **St. Joseph's Oakham RCP**. Thank you.